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1. (U) THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT WAS RELEASED LATE AUGUST
14 BY KIM SU DOC (M-R: KIM SU-DOK, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF
THE KOREAN OVERSEAS INFORMATION SERVICE (KOIS):
2. (U) WE DEEPLY REGRET INTEMPERATE STATEMENTS BY
FOREIGN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS CONCERNING THE TRIAL OF KI
DAE JUNG (M-R: KIM DAE-CHUNG, AND 23 OF HIS FOLLOWERS.
KIM DAE JUNG IS GUARANTEED THE PROTECTION OF THE LAW,
INCLUDING ACCESS TO DEFENSE COUNSEL OF HIS OWN CHOICE,
ACCESS TO HIS FAMILY, THE RIGHT TO KEEP SILENT, AND THE
RIGHT TO APPEAL UP TO THE SUPREME COURT. THE TRIAL IS
OPEN TO LOCAL AND FOREIGN REPORTERS AND TO FOREIGN
EMBASSY OFFICIALS IN KOREA. IT IS AN INTERNATIONALLY
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ACCEPTED PRACTICE TO WITHHOLD ANY COMMENT ON PENDING
JUDICIAL MATTERS. PREMATURE EXPRESSIONS OF CONCERN ARE
INAPPROPRIATE AND CAN BE CONSIDERED TANTAMOUNT TO AN
ATTEMPT TO MANIPULATE THE JUDICIAL PROCESSES OF A
FRIENDLY COUNTRY.
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